



Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITY: September, 2015.

The Board took the following disciplinary actions against **pharmacies** at its September, 2015 meeting:

Econofoods Pharmacy #335, License # 261141. A representative of licensee admitted that it had failed to submit completed renewal applications and proper payment for five pharmacy technicians employed at the pharmacy. Renewal applications and fees were due by December 1, 2014, but licensee did not submit them until three weeks after the end of the grace period (December 31, 2014). Licensee allowed the technicians to continue working after their registration lapsed on January 1, 2015. Consequently, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order, reprimanding licensee and assessing a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.

A to Z Pharmacy, License # 261141. A representative of licensee admitted that it had not submitted any dispensing reports to the Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program and did not have an approved reporting exemption. The representative further admitted that the pharmacy had failed to reply to several letters of inquiry. Since the licensee was willing to voluntarily surrender its pharmacy license, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order for Voluntary Surrender of License.

The Board took the following disciplinary actions involving **pharmacists** at its August, 2015 meeting:

Arnold, Jennifer L., License # 119190. The Board issued Dr. Arnold an unrestricted license to practice pharmacy after she submitted satisfactory documentation indicating that she is able to practice pharmacy without restriction on her license.

Gibson, Brian T., License # 111665. Dr. Gibson was the pharmacist responsible for the dispensing of a prescription that resulted in a 10-fold overdose of potassium. The patient was the resident of a nursing home. Dr. Gibson contacted a nurse at the nursing home, rather than the prescriber, to verify the accuracy of the dose. In addition, he permitted a technician to accept the return call from the nurse, which is not a task that a technician is allowed to perform. The Board previously adopted a stipulation and consent order, at its October 31, 2012 meeting, which reprimanded Dr. Gibson, required him to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500, and required him to take and pass the Pharmacist Assessment for Remediation Evaluation (PARE) that is administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy®. Dr. Gibson has not passed the PARE. Consequently, the Board issued a new Stipulation and Consent Order, removing the requirement to take and pass the PARE but imposing new requirements to: 1) complete 10 hours of continuing education in the areas of patient safety, ethics and pharmacy law; and 2). meet with a consultant approved by the Board.